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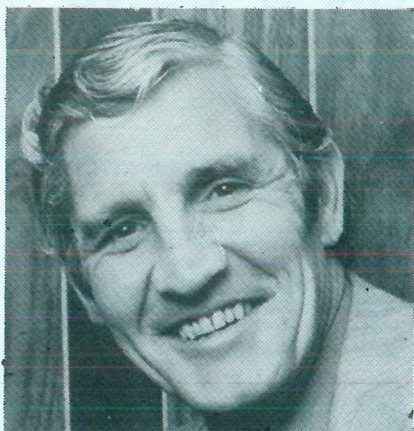
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Welcome to tonight's visitors Crystal Palace for this re-arranged Second Division game which is so vital to Bolton Wanderers.

Our win over Bristol Rovers at Burnden on Saturday was welcome and it was good to see our marksmen Neil Whatmore and Frank Worthington in such good form.

The two points we earned take us a step nearer promotion and I repeat what I have said earlier, that our destiny is in our own hands.

The Front Page picture is by courtesy of the Bolton Evening News

We do not need to be looking over our shoulders at the results of the other clubs. It is up to us to do it ourselves and we know we have the ability to do this.

We have not been helped in recent weeks by a number of injuries and this has affected the balance of the side and the pattern of our play.

I agree with many of our fans that we have not been able to play the attractive, entertaining football for which we have become well known. But the results speak for themselves.

Against Bristol Rovers we could quite easily have won by a greater margin than 3-0, but that score helps our goal difference - just in case it is needed.

We need two points tonight, and I feel sure that with the continued support of all our fans, we must have a very good chance of getting them.

Ian Greaves

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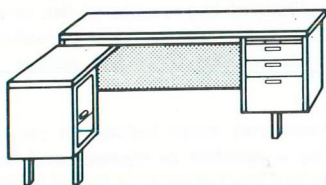
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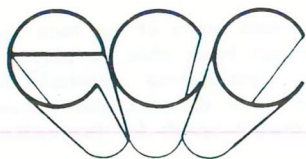
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DAVID SWINDLEHURST — Striker, London born England Youth International. Made 51 appearances and was again a leading scorer for Palace with 13 goals last season.

JOHN BURRIDGE — Goalkeeper. Signed from Aston Villa for a £50,000 fee just before the transfer deadline. John was formerly with Blackpool and has added experience to the Palace rearguard.

JIM CANNON — Back four central defender, Glasgow born and Scottish Youth International. Ever-present last season in centre of defence after playing left back throughout the previous season

PHIL HOLDER — Midfield, 47 appearances last season showing fine form. London born, joined Palace from Spurs February 1975.

NICK CHATTERTON — Midfield, a regular for Palace over last 3 seasons. Nick is a Londoner and joined Palace from school.

BARRY SILKMAN — Forward, Joined Palace in August 1976 on free transfer from Hereford United. Made 28 cup and league appearances. Plays on left wing.

RACHID HARKOUK — Striker, London born. Joined Palace in 1976 from Non-League Feltham. Made an impact with some fine goals in a tally of 13 from 26 full appearances.

PAUL HINSELWOOD — Back four player made 49 appearances in Palace 1st team last season. Bristol born, joined Palace as a schoolboy and made 20 first team appearances as a striker before converting successfully to a defensive role.

VINCE HILAIRE — Striker, London born English Youth International. Member of the Palace F.A. Youth Cup winning team. Made 3 League appearances as a substitute last season, but has frequently been in the side this term.

IAN WALSH — Striker, Member of F.A Youth Cup team and current Welsh Youth International. Made his 1st team debut in 1976 in League Cup and made one League appearance last season.

KEN SANSOM — Back four defender. Captained England Youth International team and ever present in Palace 1st team last season. 55 appearances plus 6 in F.A. Youth Cup winning team - voted Palace 'Player of the Year'

BILL GILBERT — Defender, who came into the Palace side for the first time this season. Took over from Ian Evans who broke a leg just after the start of the season

PETER NICHOLAS — Came into the Palace side at right back at the start of the season. Made a successful switch into midfield and has made a big impression.

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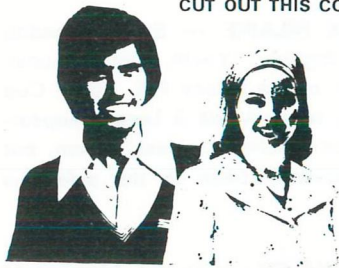
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Today's Visitors

Crystal Palace returned triumphantly to the Second Division this season, after a three year spell in Division Three and for a while looked likely to regain the First Division place they forfeited in 1973. But a run of bad results in October and November killed off their promotion hopes and now they will finish in a satisfactory middle-of-the-table position.

Nevertheless, it has been another season of progress for manager Terry Venables, who led the club to promotion in his first full season in command. In recent weeks he has been bleeding several more of his young players and the experience will probably continue at Burnden Park tonight.

Throughout this season, Mr. Venables has used no fewer than 26 players in his first team so it is not easy trying to forecast how the line-up will look tonight. We can be reasonably sure however, that Palace will adopt a 4-3-3 formation.

Shortly before the transfer deadline they paid Aston Villa £50,000 for goalkeeper John Burridge who has taken over from Tony Burns. The back four has been fairly settled with Paul Hinshelwood, Jimmy Cannon, Bill Gilbert and Ken Sansom filling these places.

Gilbert, one of four players introduced to league soccer for the first time by Palace this season, is filling the position held by the unfortunate Ian Evans, the Welsh international, who broke a leg for the second time in his career soon after this season opened.

Peter Nicholas, who opened the season at right-back but who has now switched to mid-field, is another enjoying his first experience in league soccer this season. Nick Chatterton, Phil Holder, Vince Hilaire and Jerry Murphy are other contenders for midfield places.

David Swindlehurst and Ian Walsh have been playing in attack with either Rachid Harkouk or Barry Silkman.

Palace have been forced to make many adjustments in recent years as their fortunes have fluctuated quite violently. Between 1961 and 1969 they rose from the Fourth to the First Division, a situation that brought much excitement for the fans but considerable problems for the board.

The club erected a new grandstand to make the stadium more suitable for First Division games and then-manager Bert Head found himself buying almost two completely new teams during the four years he had them in the top division.

Palace are still heavily committed to repayments on that grandstand today.

Malcolm Allison took over as manager in 1973 but even his inimitable style and persuasion could not prevent their slide down into the Second Division. Despite the investment of huge sums in new players, Palace were relegated again the following season. That was a cruel blow that threatened the whole future of the club.

Fortunately, the quality of players on the clubs books gave every reason to believe the slump would not last long. Palace proved their quality by beating such sides as Leeds, Chelsea and Sunderland - all away from home - in the F.A. Cup in 1976 to reach the semi-final. They eventually fell to Southampton.

A few weeks later, when Palace failed narrowly to gain promotion for the second season in succession, Malcolm Allison resigned in frustration. Terry Venables, his right-hand man and coach was immediately given the backing of the board and invited to take over.

It took him only one season to get the club back into Division Two.

Palace have been averaging around a point per away game so far. They won at Millwall (3-0), Sheffield United (2-0), Stoke (2-0) and Mansfield (3-1).

They drew at Burnley (1-1), Brighton (1-1), Oldham (1-1), Orient (0-0), Tottenham (2-2), Fulham (1-1), Sunderland (0-0) and Cardiff (2-2).

They went down at Blackpool (1-3), Blackburn (0-3), Bristol Rovers (0-3), Hull (0-1), Southampton (0-2), Charlton (0-1) and Luton (0-1) in the League and, amazingly at Hartlepool (1-2) in the third round of the F.A. Cup.

Palace also lost 1-2 at Brentford in the first leg of the League Cup round one, though they won the tie on aggregate, and met their match at Southampton (1-2) in the next round.

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Brighton	38	13	5	1	40	20	6	6	7	15	16	49
Blackburn	39	12	3	4	32	14	4	9	7	23	39	44
Oldham	39	9	9	2	31	19	4	6	9	22	33	41
Sunderland	39	10	6	4	33	17	2	10	7	27	37	40
Stoke	39	12	4	3	34	15	3	5	12	14	29	39
Luton	39	11	4	5	34	18	3	6	10	18	29	38
Fulham	38	9	8	3	32	18	4	4	10	15	27	38
Crystal Palace	38	8	6	5	24	18	4	8	7	19	23	38
Sheffield United	39	13	4	3	38	21	2	3	14	21	49	37
Blackpool	38	7	8	4	33	21	5	4	10	21	31	36
Burnley	38	9	6	4	31	19	4	4	11	19	38	36
Notts County	38	9	9	1	33	20	1	6	12	16	37	35
Charlton	38	10	6	4	35	25	2	5	11	17	37	35
Bristol Rovers	38	9	7	3	36	21	2	5	12	20	48	34
Cardiff	38	10	6	2	29	21	0	6	14	18	48	32
Orient	36	6	9	2	24	18	1	6	12	11	28	29
Millwall	37	4	8	5	16	19	3	6	11	25	37	28
Hull	39	6	6	8	23	24	2	6	11	10	24	28
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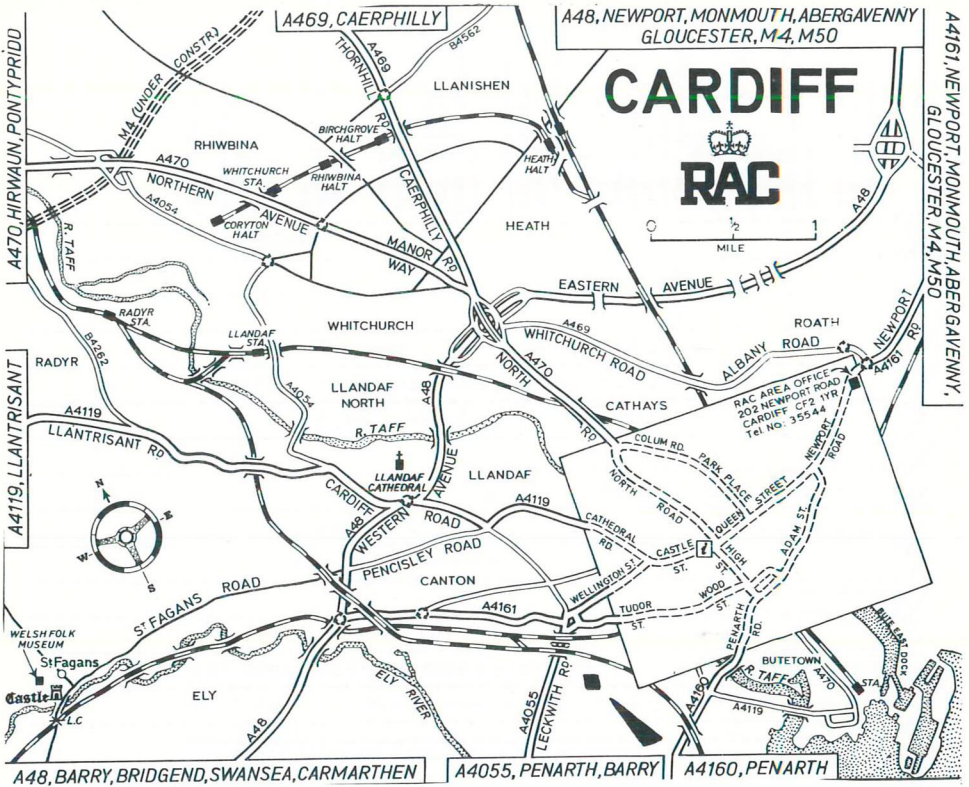
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..	26	TOTTENHAM (1)	1-0	32,266	1	3	4	9	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	12																								Whamroe			
..	30	LEEDS LC4	1-3	33,766	1	3	4	9	6	7	8	12	10	7																												Whamroe			
Dec.	3	Fulham	0-2	8,162	1	3	4	9	6	7	8	12	10	7																												Whamroe			
..	10	CARDIFF CITY	6-3	16,090	1	3	4	9	6	7	8	12	10	7																												P. Jones (2), Ried, Walsh, Whamroe, Morgan			
..	17	Charlton (2)	1-2	12,800	1	3	4	9	6	7	8	12	10	7																										Whamroe					
..	26	NOTTS CO.	2-0	22,647	1	3	4	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																							Whamroe				
..	27	Blackpool	2-0	25,789	1	3	4	12*	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																							Whamroe				
..	31	Millwall	0-1	6,720	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe				
Jan.	2	BURNLEY	1-2	26,334	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	7	Tottenham FA3	2-2	43,731	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	10	Tottenham FA3 Replay	2-1	31,314	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	14	Sheff. United	5-1	22,603	1	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	21	HULL CITY	1-0	18,256	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
Feb.	28	FA4 MANSFIELD	1-0	23,830	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	18	Oldham A	2-2	20,810	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	25	Stoke City	0-0	19,280	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	27	Middlesbrough (5)	0-2	36,662	1	4	9	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
Mar.	4	BRIGHTON	1-1	21,405	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	7	SUNDERLAND	2-0	20,972	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																									Whamroe			
..	11	Mansfield T. (6)	1-0	12,329	1	12*	3*	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	18	STH MPTN (LCF)	0-0	23,770	1	12	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	21	Luton Town	1-2	8,306	1	2	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	25	BLACKPOOL	2-1	20,506	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	27	Notts County	1-1	15,718	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
April	1	ORIENT	2-0	17,957	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	8	Tottenham (SF)	1-1	50,097	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	15	BRISTOL ROV.	0-1	20,393	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2	11	5																								Whamroe			
..	18	CRYSTAL PALACE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Whamroe				
..	22	Cardiff City	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Whamroe				
..	26	Blackburn Rovers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Whamroe				
..	29	FULHAM	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Whamroe				
May	6	FA Cup Final	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Whamroe		

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1977-78

		F	A	Pts
1977				
Aug.	20—BURNLEY	1	2	0
"	27—Everton	1	2	0
Sept.	3—SHEFFIELD UTD.	4	0	2
"	10—Nottingham F.	1	3	2
"	13—LIVERPOOL	1	1	3
"	17—WEST BROM. A.	1	0	5
"	20—Huddersfield T.	2	2	6
"	24—ASTON VILLA	2	0	8
Oct.	1—Stoke City	2	2	9
"	5—Newcastle Utd.	1	1	10
"	8—Preston N.E.	1	0	12
"	18—WOLVES	1	0	14
"	22—MANCHESTER C.	2	4	14
"	29—Liverpool	0	1	14
Nov.	5—COVENTRY CITY	2	2	15
"	12—Sheffield Wed.	1	4	15
"	19—DERBY COUNTY	0	0	16
"	26—Leeds Utd.	2	3	16
Dec.	3—MANCHESTER UTD.	2	3	16
"	10—Blackburn R.	0	1	16
"	17—BURY	1	1	17
"	26—Blackpool	1	0	19
"	28—HUDDERSFIELD T.	0	2	19
1978				
Jan.	2—Burnley	0	4	19
"	14—EVERTON	1	3	19
"	11—West Brom. A.	0	3	19
"	18—Aston Villa	0	1	19
"	25—STOKE CITY	4	1	21
Mar.	11—Wolves	0	1	21
"	18—Manchester City	0	1	21
"	22—Sheffield Utd.	3	1	23
"	25—Bury	2	4	23
"	27—BLACKPOOL	2	0	25
Apr.	1—Coventry City	2	1	27
"	5—SHEFFIELD WED.	2	1	29
"	8—LEEDS UTD.	3	1	31
"	15—Derby County	1	1	32
"	22—BLACKBURN R.			
"	25—NEWCASTLE UTD.			
"	29—Manchester Utd.			
May	1—NOTTM. FOR. (2.30 p.m.)			
"	3—PRESTON (7 p.m.)			

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Aug. 27 - Sheff. U.	Walkden Metals
Sept. 10 - Oldham A.	Walkden Metals
Oct. 1 - Stoke City	Walkden Metals
Oct. 4 - Blackburn R.	Walkden Metals
Oct. 15 - Mansfield T.	Walkden Auto Centre
Oct. 29 - Luton T.	Walkden Metals
Nov. 12 - Charlton A.	Walkden Auto Centre
Nov. 26 - Spurs	Walkden Metals
Dec. 10 - Cardiff C.	Walkden Metals
Dec. 26 - Notts. C.	Barrs
Jan. 2 - Burnley	Walkden Metals
Jan. 21 - Hull City	Walkden Auto Centre
Feb. 11 - Sunderland	Walkden Metals
Mar. 4 - Brighton	Walkden Metals
Mar. 18 - Southampton	Walkden Metals
Mar. 25 - Blackpool	Walkden Metals
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Apr. 18 - Crystal P.	M. Cull
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CENTRAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL

RESERVES v BLACKBURN R.

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY, 25th APRIL

RESERVES v NEWCASTLE U.

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY, 29th APRIL

WANDERERS v FULHAM

Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

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WANDERERS

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Shorts: Blue

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2. JONES, Paul
3. DUNNE, Tony
4. GREAVES, Roy
5. WALSH, Mike
6. ALLARDYCE, Sam
7. MORGAN, Willie
8. WHATMORE, Neil
9. TRAIN, Ray
10. REID, Peter
11. WORTHINGTON, Frank

Sub: THOMPSON, Peter

CRYSTAL P.

Shirts: Red and Blue Stripes

Shorts: White

1. BURRIDGE, John
2. HINSHELWOOD, Paul
3. SANSOM, Ken
4. HOLDER, Phil
5. CANNON, Jim
6. GILBERT, Billy
7. SILKMAN, Barry
8. CHATTERTON, Nick
9. SWINDLEHURST, Dave
10. WALSH, Ian
11. HARKOUK, Rachid

Sub:

Referee:

A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)

RED FLAG

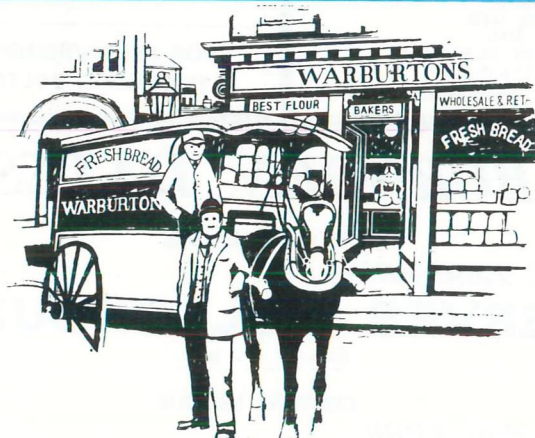
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K. C. Fergusson (Wednesfield)

S. W. Mason (Nelson)

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